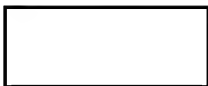


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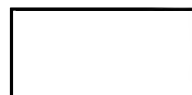
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1. Mission track. Basic mission data on reverse side of map, and special equipment.
2. Map with known SAM's, MIG-21 bases plotted.
3. Signature blocks as appropriate. (On reverse side of map.)
4. Map with current fighter AOB.
5. Vulnerability estimate for current mission.
6. Authority for mission (COMOR/USIB/303 Committee).
7. Cable to NPIC and reply [redacted] SAM System search - Attachments 1 and 2).
- 25X1 8. [redacted] (Attachments 3 and 4).
- 25X1 9. [redacted] (Attachments 5 and 6).
10. JRC coordination (Parts I and II - Mission Plan - Attachment 7).
- 25X1 11. [redacted] (Mission Intelligence Data - Attachment 8).

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MISSION PROPOSAL

NUMBER	<u>C055C</u>
LAUNCH DATE/TIME	<u>21/0030Z FEB</u>
TOTAL DISTANCE	<u>2,394</u>
TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	<u>6+20/3+06</u>
PENETRATION ALTITUDE	<u>69,000</u>
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE	<u><span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 15px;"></span></u>
FUEL RESERVE	<u>140</u>
ROUTE - SEE MAP (REVERSE SIDE)	<u></u>

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - "B" CONFIG, SYS VI, SYS IX, SYS XII, AND  
SYS XIII

APPROVALS:

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ALBERT D. WHEELON  
DD/S&T

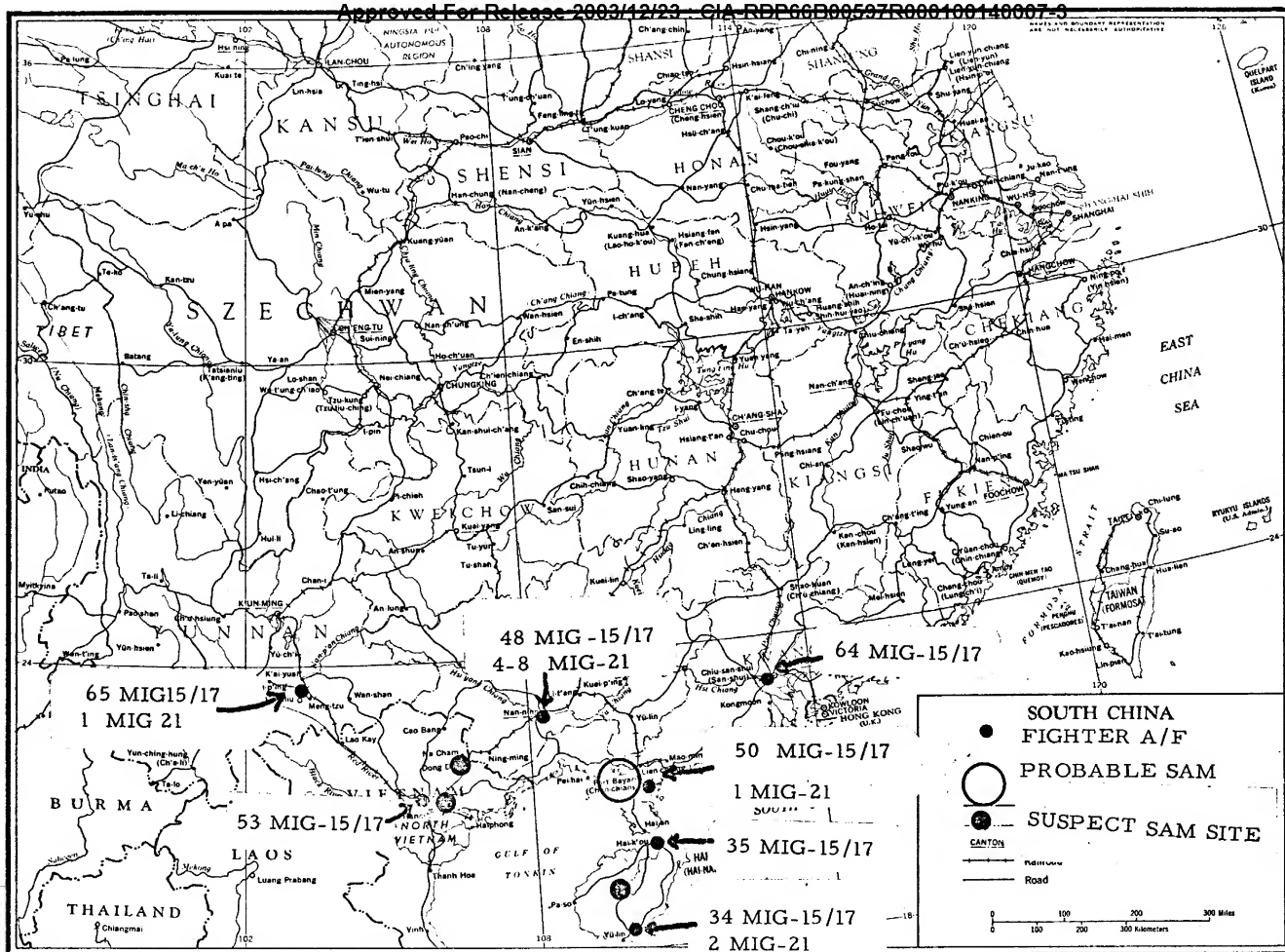
*Gen. Carter approved by phone 21/2025Z by Col Lufford*

MARSHALL S. CARTER  
DDCI

*Mr. Elden notified by phone 21/2030Z. Asked to be notified on go*

JOHN A. MCCONE  
DCI

*Mr. McAllister (State) notified by phone 21/2035Z*



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## VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C055C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in North Vietnam or South China capable of interfering with Mission C055C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 22%.

GENERAL:

The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 at 69,000 feet. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic and though the MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1 it can perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise sub-sonic steady state at 59,000 plus or minus a 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

The MIG-21 has the capability of intercepting the U-2 at 69,000 feet by performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR SOUTH CHINA:

There are eight airfields in South China and North Vietnam pertinent to Mission C055C: Hanoi, Haiphong, (both in North Vietnam), Meng Tzu, Ssu Mao, Kunming, Lingshui (on Hainan Island), Sui Chi and Nanming. Nanming near the DRV border in South China is under construction and we do not believe it is capable of receiving aircraft at this time. MIG-21's have been noted in photography [ ] as having been at Nanming, Meng Tzu, Kunming, Lingshui and Shu Chi.

Based on the latest photography [ ] we estimate approximately ten MIG-21's to be based among the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate four MIG-21's to be in operational status and within range of Mission C055C. If this assumption is correct then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at 69,000 feet is less than 22%, this figure correct assuming whole intercept system including GCI is perfect throughout the intercept attempt. Red Chinese fighters have penetrated the DRV border on intercept attempts in the past, and we must assume they will continue to cross the border to intercept the U-2 in the future.

A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

The film from mission C045C of 19 Feb. has been reported on by [ ] and the IPIR contains no new or unusual items that affect the safety of mission C055C.

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1. PER REF MSGS.

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MSN C055C. FYI, ALL TIMES ARE TO REFLECT 24 HR DELAY

PER REF B. REMAINDER OF MSGS REMAIN SAME.

2. PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY, WILL NEED REPLY NEXT HR.

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C. KUNMING 2500N 10245E, YUNNANG (PEITUN) 2527N 10043E, AND PAO SHAN  
 2504N 9909E.

D. SEARCH 30 NM EITHER SIDE LINE FROM 2100N 10111E, TO 2210N 10155E,  
 2249N 10115E, TO 2235N 9946E, TO 2300N 9935E, TO 2344N 9935E, TO 2414N 9829E,  
 TO 2540N 9942E, TO 2544N 9957E, TO 2515N 10100E, TO 2518N 10242E, TO 2400N 10305E to  
~~10242E~~ 2346N 10255E, TO 2337N 10237E, TO 2322N 10319E, TO 2237N 10319E.

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C. NOTHING TO REPORT

D. NO NEW SITES DISCOVERED. PERTINENT COVERAGE OF THE SEARCH AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 30 NM ON EACH SIDE OF A LINE FROM 2100N-10111E TO 2210N-10155E TO 2249N-10115E TO 2235N-9946E TO 2300N-9935E TO 2344N-9935E TO 2414N-9829E TO 2540N-9942E TO 2944N-9957E TO 2515N-10100E TO 2518N-10242E TO 2400N-10305E TO 2346N-10255E TO 2337N-10237S TO 2322N-10319E TO 2237N-10319E,

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ALL OF THE SEARCH AREA WAS COVERED BY GOOD QUALITY, CLOUD-FREE

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PHOTOGRAPHY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN AREA EAST OF KUN-MING FROM 2400N-10325E TO 2400N-10355E TO 2600N-10220E TO 2600N-10315E. THIS AREA WAS COVERED BY SCATTERED CLOUDS AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE COMPLETELY NEGATED FOR SAM ACTIVITY. AN OVERLAY DEPICTING PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMINED TO ANSWER THIS REQUEST IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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## PART I

1. MISSION C055C ALERTED FOR 21 FEB ZULU DATE. TAKE-OFF FROM

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[REDACTED] AT 21/0030Z. AREA OF OPERATION SOUTH CHINA, LANDING  
 [REDACTED] AT 21/0700Z.

2. TAKE WILL BE PROCESSED AT [REDACTED]

3. CINCPAC HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

4. PART II WITH MISSION. DETAILS TO FOLLOW AS SOON AS ROUTE IS  
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AFSSO. JOE PASS TO J-3 JRC.

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- A. SOUTH CHINA
- B. C055C
- C. 19 FEB 65
- D. TO ACQUIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ELINT DATA ON CHICOM ORDER OF BATTLE
- E. CHICOM E.W. AND GCI COVERAGE RATED EXCELLENT ON THIS ROUTE. MISSION AIRCRAFT WILL BE UNDER RADAR SURVEILLANCE AT ALL TIMES WHILE OVER DENIED TERRITORY AND FOR 200 NM PRIOR AND AFTER DEPARTURE FROM DENIED TERRITORY.

F. (1) MIG-19/21 ARE SUSPECTED TO BE BASED KUNMING AND MENGZU.

(2) THERE ARE NO KNOWN SAM SITES ALONG THIS ROUTE.

(3) THE FIRECAN ORDER OF BATTLE IS:

NAM DINH	2026N	10611E
VINH	1840N	10540E
HANOI	2100N	10550E
HANOI	2058N	10557E

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CHIA LO 1930N 10900E  
 LOANG PROBANG 1934N 10215E  
 XIENG KHOUNG 1927N 10308E

25X1A G. TARGETS OF INTEREST ARE:

MENG HANG SUPPLY DEPOT 2118N 10118E  
 MENG LA ARMY BKS., W. 2128N 10134E  
 CHELI MIL. ACTIVITY 2159N 10149E  
 SSU MAO A/F, NORTH 2247N 10058E  
 SSU MAO MIL. AREA 2247N 10059E  
 CHIN PIEN MIL. AREA 2235N 9959E  
 SHUANG CHIANG ARMY BKS. 2333N 9945E  
 KENG MA ARMY BKS. 2332N 9925E  
 MANG-SHIH ARMY BKS., S. 2423N 9833E  
 TENG CHUNG ARMY BKS., W. 2502N 9828E  
 YUNG PING MIL. AREA 2524N 9936E  
 TALI MIL. AREA 2542N 10009E

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	HSIA KUAN MIL. HQ. 14TH ARMY	2536N 10012E
	YUN NAN-1 A/F	2527N 10043E
	KUN MING A/F	2500N 10245E
	AN NING COMPLEX	2456N 10229E
	KUN MING COMPLEX	2503N 10242E
	I' LIANG ARMY BKS. SOUTH #1	2425N 10309E
	PO HSI CHIEH ARMY BKS.	2415N 10303E
	KAI YUAN - HQ. 13TH ARMY	2342N 10314E
	MENG TZU A/F. WEST	2324N 10319E
	MENG TZU ARMY BKS. SOUTH	2321N 10323E
	MA LIU TANG MIL. AREA	2251N 10246E
	MI HU ARMY BKS.	2247N 10314E

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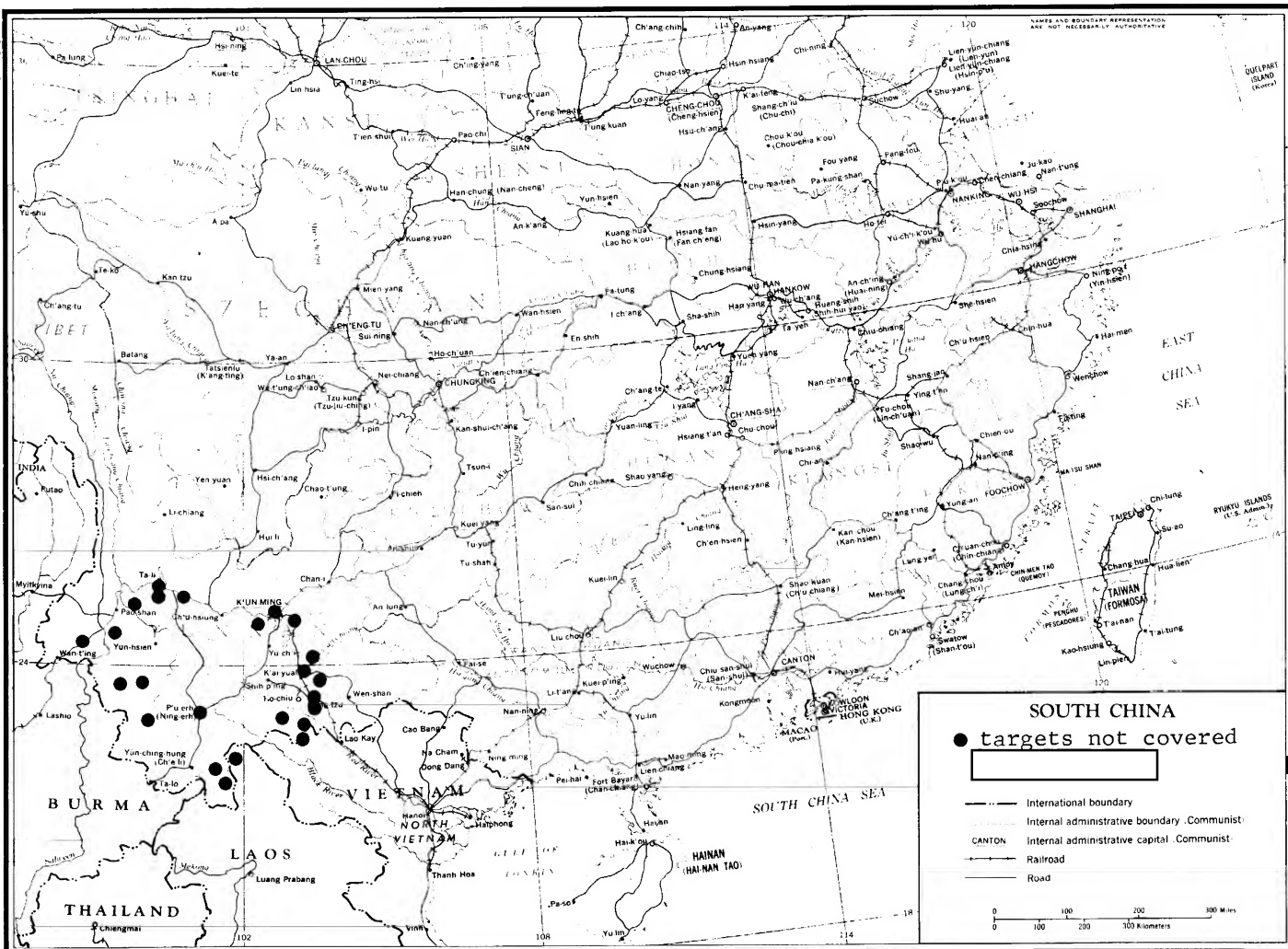
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